

# NORWEGIAN STAR HAS A TISSLE ON THE COURTS

Mrs. Edward Raymond Meets Defeat Only After a Bitter Struggle.

A little misplaced bit of confidence possibly brought her a well earned victory and credit for a tremendous tennis upset when Mrs. Edward Raymond, who, as Miss Louise Hammond, was national singles champion, met the present title holder, Miss Molla Bjurstedt, in the semi-finals of the metropolitan championship at the West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, yesterday.

The great Norwegian nonpareil won, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, in as pretty a women's match as has been seen hereabouts. But the champion was victorious mainly on account of better physical condition, and that is where the misplaced confidence comes in. Mrs. Raymond and her partner, Miss Edna Wilder, had a doubles match scheduled against Mrs. Robert A. Pope and Miss White, and the railbirds anticipated that the encounter would quickly be over.

It was decided, therefore, to play this match first. It went to three hard sets before Mrs. Raymond and her partner won, at 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Next the former champion took on Miss Bjurstedt, grabbed the first set, then, but fought on desperately to a defeat by such a slender margin that the spectators could scarcely realize that the hitherto invincible Christiana expert had not at last met defeat.

Win Way to Finals.

Mrs. Spencer Fullerton Weaver and Mrs. Rawson Wood, the Brooklyn team, were their way to the finals in the doubles, where they will meet this afternoon the winner of the Miss Bjurstedt-Miss Marie Wagner against Mrs. Raymond and her partner. The feature doubles encounter yesterday when they eliminated the sensational Pittsborough, Miss Martha Guthrie, and her partner, Miss Florence Ballin, in a third round, three-set affair.

The singles final will bring together Miss Bjurstedt, the playing-through metropolitan champion, and Miss Guthrie, who was defeated in the mixed doubles yesterday, the remainder of the event being held over until tomorrow.

Against Mrs. Raymond Miss Bjurstedt scored a total of 93 points, and the sturdy loser tallied the same with the figures reversed. Throughout the match was closer than a miser with no hope of heaven. Mrs. Raymond gave a wonderful exhibition of playing, and after she tired a great exhibition of courage.

Miss Bjurstedt also exhibited the determined game that has brought her to the top of women tennis players. She was forced to show her best by finding at last an opponent worthy of her steel. Mrs. Raymond brought a well-rounded game to the court with her. She mixed her shots with the utmost cunning, now playing short, now deep, now fast, then slow. She was steady as a cheap watch.

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# Steady Racket Work.

The first three games of the first set, two of which Mrs. Raymond served, were all gallant, though unsuccessful, fights for the final frame. Five games in this set went to deuce, so fierce was the competition. With the score four-all, the loser led at 40-15, and decided to play a drop shot.

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# Four Fight It Out to-day On the Garden City Links

Topping, Dyer, Ward and White Will Strive for Chief Cup.

MAX MARSTON FALLS VICTIM TO LADD

By FRED HAWTHORNE.

Henry J. Topping, of Greenwich, winner of the Ardsley tournament last week; Frank W. Dyer, of Montclair, Pennsylvania state champion; John M. Ward, club champion, and Gardiner W. White, champion of the Flushing Country Club, are the four men who will fight it out this morning for places in the final round of the spring golf tournament of the Garden City Golf Club. The winners will meet for the chief cup in the afternoon.

Judging from the work of all four players yesterday opinion seems to favor Topping and White as the finalists, with Topping emerging from the fray with the laurel after the last putt has been holed out. But those delightful uncertainties in which the game abounds may completely reverse this procedure and upset the much abused dog.

Max Marston, the brilliant youth from Baltusrol, who failed to get into the first sixteen on qualifying day, provided another reversal of form yesterday. After defeating E. F. Oates, of Flushing, by an overwhelming margin of 8 up to 8 to 1 in the first round of the second sixteen he fell before W. F. Ladd, Jr., of the Rockaway Hunt Club, at 4 and 3. In his morning match Marston went into a deadly clip, reaching the 18th hole.

Most Distressing.

He ended matters on the tenth hole, and then they kept on to finish out the round, although all the putts were not holed out. Max was travelling at about a 77 clip, and seemed to have found himself in the afternoon, however, ever his play with the iron and on the greens was distressing. Ladd, who swings at the ball with great freedom and smoothness, started off so fast that he took the first three holes, and all he had to do thereafter was to hold his advantage to the end, which he did.

Topping gave ample proof yesterday in the match with E. Mortimer Barnes in the afternoon, his heart was as hard as his arm. The secretary of the Metropolitan Golf Association is a hard man to beat at match play, and before Topping could gather his forces Barnes was leading by 2 up to 2 on the seventh hole. Then the Greenwich golfer came with a rush, his shots from the tee coming to rest down the fairways a good forty yards, on the average, beyond his opponent's ball.

In addition, Topping did deadly execution with his iron, and several times after Barnes seemed to have at least a chance for a half stroke from the green, while the Greenwich star would lay his ball on the green and within striking distance of the hole. On the sixteenth Barnes made a desperate effort to hole out a long putt, but his ball failed and he was up, with Topping's third inches from the cup. The winner was going at an 80 gait.

Dyer had a nerve-testing struggle with George Brokaw before the match was a toss-up all the way, with Brokaw having his man dormie going to the short eighteenth over the pond. Dyer laid his tee shot on the fringe, and Brokaw left himself a putt of fully twice that distance and lost the hole when his opponent got his 3.

It looked all up for the Pennsylvania champion on the nineteenth, however, when Ladd drove his ball to the left and landed at the bottom of the deep sandpit. Brokaw kept his tee shot straight down the line, with a fair shot for the green awaiting him on his second. Dyer stood on the brink of the bottomless pit, surveying his ball; then he scrambled into the depths with his niblick and poised himself for the shot.

Cloud of Sand.

The gallery, waiting on the earth's surface, saw a cloud of sand and then Dyer's ball sailing high and clear over the great parapet of sand that guarded one side of the green. The Penn champion had only the narrowest of margins through which to squeeze the ball diagonally between the traps to the green, but he did it, and was greeted with applause as he emerged from the trap.

Brokaw, making no mistakes, reached the green in 2, and both required two putts, halving the hole and giving Dyer one more chance. The next hole, a par three, was a toss-up.

THE GALLERY.

First round—E. F. Oates, Flushing, defeated W. F. Ladd, Jr., 1 up; W. F. Ladd, Jr., defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; W. F. Ladd, Jr., defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; W. F. Ladd, Jr., defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up.

Second round—Topping, Greenwich, defeated W. F. Ladd, Jr., 1 up; W. F. Ladd, Jr., defeated Topping, 1 up; W. F. Ladd, Jr., defeated Topping, 1 up; W. F. Ladd, Jr., defeated Topping, 1 up.

Third round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Fourth round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Fifth round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Sixth round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Seventh round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Eighth round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Ninth round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Tenth round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Eleventh round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Twelfth round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Thirteenth round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Fourteenth round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

Fifteenth round—Max M. Marston, Baltusrol, defeated E. F. Oates, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up; E. F. Oates, defeated Max M. Marston, 1 up.

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# The Night Light

It has been said that no man can act a mark that some one later on will not wreck. This may be true. One man acts a mark that looks to be a limit, and then another arrives, passes on beyond that limit, only to be surprised in turn.

But if any record in baseball is to stand, we should say it would be the record set by Ty Cobb, who is able to lead the American League again this season and make it ten years in a row.

Cobb's Leading Ambition.

Cobb so far has led the American League at bat for nine consecutive campaigns. If he finishes first again this season he will have his ten-year reign established.

To appreciate the magnitude of this undertaking, consider the following facts:

1. Hans Wagner at his best was only able to lead four successive years at bat.

2. Nap Lajoie, the slugging Frenchman, was only able to establish two broken years of leadership.

3. Such mighty sluggers as Delahanty, Arson, Burkett, Heldrick were never able to lead five years in succession.

4. Cobb, in establishing his supremacy, has been battling in a league which has offered him for rivalry such hitters as Lajoie, Collins, Speaker, Jackson, Baker, Crawford—where any off year meant sure removal from the top.

5. Cobb has been battling his way through a league that has known such pitchers as Johnson, Waddell, Joas, Walsh, Donovan, Wood, Leonard, Bender, Coombs, Plank, and many others.

He came to a league that for ten years has been replete with great pitching and fine batmen, where the test has been a keen one, and yet for nine years he has led a field at bat that has offered over 500 opponents.

The Tenth Year.

Cobb is going to try and lead his league every year he plays baseball, but he feels now that if he can put away his tenth consecutive year on top there will be no sting in being displaced. He may change his mind later on when he is finally beaten out, but that is the way he feels about it just now.

But he wants that Ten-Year Title badly. And unless there is a decided change the man to give him battle for the top will be none other than Tris Speaker. Eddie Collins has gotten away to a poor start. Frank Baker hasn't been quite up to old form, and Joe Jackson doesn't quite look to be the dangerous factor he was two or three years ago when he was Ty's main rival.

But Speaker has gathered unto himself a new ambition. The stalwart Texan is not only hitting the ball beyond his best years, but he is working with greater earnestness than he has ever shown before and is taking a keener interest in his play. So it begins to look as if Cobb and Speaker were to set the pace in the younger league, and as great as the Texan is we doubt very much that he can outpace Cobb, when Ty once swings into his stride.

Who Will Beat It?

If Ty leads his league again, what epoch of the game is to produce a man who can beat this mark? Wagner and Lajoie were supermen at bat, and they have been at it for twenty years, yet neither has been able to equal half this reign in the merry kingdom of Swat.

To beat out 125 major league ball players every year for ten years is something more than a prodigious task. It is the one record, if there is any such, that will never be beaten until even time itself is too gray and feeble to continue the journey.

Cobb so far has played in exactly 1,416 big league games, and in that time has pounded out 1,976 base hits, an average of almost 1 1/4 hits to each game of his career.

Speaker's Chance.

This Speaker has started out to give Cobb a battle all the way through the stretch. Speaker batted .383 in 1912 and .366 in 1913. He fell below those heights in 1914 and 1915, but 1916 finds Tris back upon another rampage.

Just at present he is only a shade under .400, and he is hitting the ball with greater confidence than he has ever shown. There seems to be something in the atmosphere of Cleveland that produces batting greatness, for the two who came closer to nipping Ty were Lajoie in 1910 and Jackson in 1911, both batting under Cleveland's banner.